areas of Uruguay Round negotiations and liberalisation efforts by all participants including developing countries.

Cleaning of Narmada water in Madhya Pradesh

3122. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that industrial and human wastes have polluted Narmada water at Jabalpur and Hoshangabad in Madhya Pradesh to a maximum extent as compared to other small places thereby making the Narmada water unfit for human consumption;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Central Government have taken any step to check the pollution of Narmada water;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to formulate "Narmada Action Plan" in order to clean Narmada river water on the pattern of Ganga Action Plan?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Narmada water at Jabalpur and Hoshangabad is polluted mainly due to discharge of municipal sewage which is not that high from other small places. However, it cannot be said that the water is unfit for human consumption.

(c) to (e) An Action Plan for prevention of pollution and cleaning of the Narmada is under implementation by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh. Out of the fifty-three schemes, 19 have been completed, 30 are in progress and 4 are under preparation. A sum of Rs. 178.50 lakhs has been spent till the end of May, 1989 on the following major areas of schemes:—

(i) Diversion and utilisation of municipal wastes,

(ii) Construction of crematoria,

(iii) Construction of low cost sanitation works.

(iv) River front development to prevent soil erosion,

(v) Construction and development of Ghats.

In addition, the Madhya Pradesh Pradushan Niwaran Mandal has directed the concerned industries for taking suitable measures in controlling industrial pollution.

Smuggling of synthetic yarn photographic equipment and films etc., into India from Nepal

3123. SHRI MULIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had protested to Nepal on or about 17th May, 1989 about huge import of certain items like, synthetic yarn, photographic equipments and films, cloues, cardamom and liquor from third world countries, which were smuggled into India; and

(b) if so, what was the response and reaction of Nepal Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in the price of essential commodities

@3123-A. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have permitted increase in the pri-

@Previously Unstarred Question 3198 Transferred from the 11th August, 1989.

ces of steel, coal, milk sugar, rice etc. in June, 1989; and

(b) if so, the names of the essential commodities of which prices were premitted to be increased and by how much?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Government did not permit increase in the prices of any administered commodities in June, 1989, except steel. Prices of various categories of steel were raised marginally in June 1989 by Rs. 145 per tonne (less than 2 per cent) on the recommendation of the Joint Plant Committee.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of the Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department)

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department), under section 169 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 :—

(i) S.O. No. 364(E), dated the 18th May, 1989 (in English and Hindi) publishing the Conduct of Elections (Amendment) Rules, 1989.

(ii) S.O. No. 542(E), dated the 13th July, 1989 (in English and Hindi) publishing the Conduct of Elections (Second Amendment) Rules, 1989.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—8210/89 for (i) and (ii)]

(iii) S.O. No. 502(E), dated the 28th July 1989 (in Hindi) publishing the corrigendum to Hindi version of the Government Notification S.O. No. 364(E), dated the 18th May, 1989.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—210/89]

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department), Notification S.O. No. 409(E), dated the 6th June, 1989, publishing the Registration of Electors (Amendment) Rules, 1989, under sub-section (3) of section 28 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.

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III. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department) Notification S.O. No. 501(E), dated the 30th June, 1989, publishing the Delimitation of Council Constituencies (Uttar Pradesh) Amendment Order, 1989, under sub-section (3) of section 13 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.

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Notification of the Ministry of Environment and Forests

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, under sub-section (2) of section 53 of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 :—

(i) G.S.R. No. 651(E), dated the 29th June, 1989, publishing the Air Prevention and Control of Pollution) (Union Territories) Amendment Rules, 1989.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—8152/89].

(ii) G.S.R. No. 741(E), dated the 7th August, 1989, publishing the Corrigendum to Notification G.S.R. No. 350(E), dated the 10th March, 1989, regarding the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Union Territories) Rules, 1988.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—8274/89].